

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Ferrara et al.	Examiner:	HUYNH, PHUONG N
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 3, 2006, said period of response being extended from August 3, 2006 to October 3, 2006.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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